

## Want to Learn More?

Call us to learn what you can do to help with environmental issues in your community. (480) 350-2678.

To report unlawful leaf blower use, call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311, submit a Dust Violation complaint at [www.tempe.gov](http://www.tempe.gov)



# Time to **Blow Off** the Leaf Blower



# Leaf Blower Restrictions

Though the occasional use of a leaf blower may seem harmless, the combined effect of an entire neighborhood or community using one can be damaging to the environment. In May 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved a county-wide plan to reduce emissions by 5 percent each year until Maricopa County is in compliance with federal air quality standards. That plan includes new leaf blower restrictions.

The City of Tempe is committed to improving air quality and has laws in place to discourage unlawful leaf-blower use. As a result, the following activities can result in fines under city ordinance:

- Blowing landscape debris into a public roadway
- Operating a leaf blower on a surface that is not stabilized
- Using a leaf blower on High Pollution Advisory Days (HPA)



## You Can Help

Follow these simple guidelines to remain in compliance with all city ordinances while also contributing to cleaner air:

- Use a rake or broom to keep debris out of the road and away from storm drains, ditches and streams. This helps prevent the release of small particles into the air and helps prevent flooding caused by drain blockages.
- Do not use leaf blowers to push debris into the street.
- Do not use leaf blowers on dirt fields, road shoulders or loose dirt.



- Do not use leaf blowers on pollution advisory days. To find out if there is an advisory, call (602) 771-2367 or visit [www.cleanairmakemore.com](http://www.cleanairmakemore.com).
- Operate leaf blowers at the lowest speed possible.
- Check the condition of your blower regularly, including the muffler, air intakes and air filter, to ensure it is operating efficiently.
- Repair or stop using your blower immediately if it is not working properly.
- After using a leaf blower, make sure to clean up.
- Check for leaves or debris that may have blown into city streets, gutters or storm drains.

